

By: \_\_\_\_\_ .B. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Substitute the following for .B. No. \_\_\_\_\_:

By: \_\_\_\_\_ C.S..B. No. \_\_\_\_\_

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the election of certain junior college district trustees by plurality vote.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 130.082, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsections (g-1) and (g-2) to read as follows:

(g) The board shall ~~[designate a]~~ number ~~[for]~~ the positions on ~~[position held by each member of]~~ the board~~[, from one upward]~~ in the ~~[consecutive numerical]~~ order in which the ~~[such manner that the lowest numbers shall be assigned to the members whose]~~ terms of office of the members expire ~~[in the shortest length of time]~~, provided that any ~~[such]~~ position number designations on existing boards under existing law on ~~[at]~~ the effective date of this act or on the effective date of an amendment to this subsection shall remain in effect. At each election candidates must ~~[shall]~~ be voted upon and be elected separately for each position on the board, and the name of each candidate must ~~[shall]~~ be placed on the official ballot according to the number of the position for which the candidate ~~[he or she]~~ is running. Except as provided by Subsection (g-1), the ~~[A]~~ candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast ~~[for all candidates]~~ for each respective ~~[a]~~ position to be filled at the election is ~~[shall be declared]~~ elected. If no candidate receives ~~[such]~~ a majority, then the two candidates receiving the highest

1 number of votes shall run against each other for the position. The  
2 run-off election for all positions shall be held on a date that  
3 complies with law in the same manner [~~and shall be ordered, notice~~  
4 ~~thereof given, and held,~~] as provided [~~herein~~] for regular  
5 elections. The board shall place a candidate's name [~~Any resident,~~  
6 ~~qualified elector of the district may have his or her name placed as~~  
7 ~~a candidate~~] on the official ballot for any position to be filled at  
8 each regular election if the candidate is a resident of the  
9 district, is a qualified elector of the district, and files [~~by~~  
10 ~~filing~~] with the secretary of the board a written application  
11 [~~therefor~~] signed by the applicant that complies with Section  
12 144.005, Election Code. The [~~, not later than 5 p.m. of the 45th day~~  
13 ~~before the date of the election. An application may not be filed~~  
14 ~~earlier than the 30th day before the date of the filing deadline.~~  
15 ~~Such~~] application must state the number of the position [~~for which~~  
16 ~~he or she is a candidate,~~] or the name of the incumbent member of the  
17 board holding the position for which the candidate [~~he or she~~]  
18 desires to run. The order [~~location~~] on the ballot of the names of  
19 candidates for each position shall be chosen by lot by the board. A  
20 candidate shall be eligible to run for only one position at each  
21 election.

22 (g-1) The board of trustees of the following junior college  
23 districts may by resolution provide, not later than the 180th day  
24 before the date of an election, that a candidate receiving the  
25 highest number of votes cast for each respective position to be  
26 filled at the election is elected:

27 (1) Laredo Community College District; and

1           (2) Southwest Texas Junior College District.  
2           (g-2) A resolution adopted under Subsection (g-1) is  
3 effective for subsequent elections until rescinded by a subsequent  
4 resolution adopted not later than the 180th day before the date of  
5 the first election to which the rescission applies.  
6           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
7 to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.  
8           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.